

AMERICA: A MELTING POT OR A  
TOWER OF BABEL

HON. TOBY ROTH

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 1996*

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, just before we processed, this Congress finally began to show as much sense as the American people by overwhelmingly passing our bill to make English the official language of the United States. Make no mistake; this was an historic accomplishment. For the first time in over two decades, Congress has helped cement our national unity by reinforcing our most important common bond, the English language. After 25 years of Great Society social experimentation, we are finally starting to reverse the tide. That historic vote we cast on the first of August was the first step towards returning to a common sense policy of promoting American unity by promoting the teaching and learning of English.

But the battle has just begun. There is still so much more left to be done, starting with the Senate acting on the bill we passed here in the House and sending an official English bill to the President for his signature.

A friend of mine from California, Tom Hanson of the Southern California Republican Women organization, expressed very clearly why we need to make English our official language in an article he wrote for their newsletter. I would like the text of his article to appear in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at this point.

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BABEL

(By Thomas E. Hanson)

The American people are confronted with a very simple but extremely important choice: should the United States once again become the Melting Pot it once was, or should it continue becoming the modern day tower of Babel?

Our nation became great because our people, while hailing from many cultures, joined together to live and work together for their individual and mutual benefit. They were in the United States to be Americans, not hyphenated Americans. The key to America's success was and has been the ability of its people to clearly and easily communicate with each other, anywhere in the nation, through a single common language.

During recent years, however, there are some in the United States who have embarked on a course that promotes personal and group interests at the expense of their country. The United States is rapidly becoming a country of tribes that do not, and cannot, fluidly speak to with each other in a common language. America is fast becoming a nation divided, a condition that has been and is being perpetuated by the misguided disguise of a bilingual society.

When the people of a nation cannot easily talk to each other in a common tongue, they will no longer be able to live and work together. Is the United States going to be a Melting Pot or a Tower of Babel?

IN HONOR OF MAGALI ROHADY  
AND MINI MUNDO: FOR 25 YEARS  
OF DISTINGUISHED AND DEDICATED  
SERVICE TO THE HISPANIC  
COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 12, 1996*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Magali Rohady, a committed individual and a professional. As the cofounder, editor, and director of Mini Mundo, she has contributed enormously to the Hispanic communities of Hudson, Paterson, Newark-Elizabeth, and Perth Amboy, NJ for 25 years. She, along with her husband and cofounder Jose Rohady, will be honored on Sept. 15, 1996, during a luncheon celebrating the 25th anniversary of Mini Mundo.

Mini Mundo was founded in 1970. The magazine, which focuses on various issues throughout the Hispanic community, has been in circulation for a quarter of a century. For more than 20 of those years, Magali Rohady has been responsible for the successful handling of Mini Mundo's publication. Her hard work and commitment to New Jersey's Hispanic community has earned her over 200 awards and certificates of recognition and appreciation from community leaders and organizations. She has been honored in past years as honorary female marshal for the Puerto Rican, Peruvian, Dominican, and Colombian Day parades and the only woman of Hispanic descent to be selected as grand marshal of the Hispanic/Italian Day parade.

Magali Rohady's accomplishments as editor and director of Mini Mundo have won her acclaim throughout the Hispanic community. Her efforts and dedication to the magazine and to different Hispanic communities throughout New Jersey reflect the kind of individual she truly is. She is an individual who has sacrificed years of her life so that she can bring a heightened awareness to the achievements, issues, and problems confronting Hispanics today. For her years of distinguished service to the community of Paterson, NJ, Ms. Rohady, along with cofounder of Mini Mundo and husband Jose Rohady, were given the key to the city of Paterson by Mayor Bill Pascrell.

Today Mini Mundo continues to serve as a reliable and valuable medium to Hispanics throughout New Jersey. By keeping the people in touch with news that affects them, Mini Mundo will continue to contribute to the unity of the Hispanic community for many more years to come. I commend Magali Rohady and encourage her to continue her vital service to the community as editor and director of Mini Mundo.

I ask my colleagues today to join me in honoring this hard working and committed individual. Her accomplishments have won her the fond admiration of Hispanic communities throughout the State of New Jersey.

"THANKS TO HOUSE DEMOCRATS"

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to submit for the RECORD an article by the respected nationally syndicated columnist Mark Shields, entitled, "Thanks to House Democrats." I hope all of my colleagues take a moment to read his keen analysis.

In his column, Mr. Shields notes that the Democrats' resurgence nationwide has resulted from the steadfast resolve with which House Democrats have fought the Gingrich-Dole plan to slash Medicare to pay for tax breaks for the rich. The column clearly illustrates the Republican leadership's motive for raiding Medicare to finance their lavish tax breaks for their political allies and contributors. As Mr. Shields notes, Speaker NEWT GINGRICH, Republican leader DICK ARMEY, Republican whip TOM DELAY and Ways and Means Committee chairman BILL ARCHER all hail from districts with virtually no seniors. In Mr. Shield's words, "These poor Republicans just don't know that many voters on Medicare."

Mr. Speaker, Mark Shields is absolutely right that the Republican assault on Medicare—and House Democrats' determination to fight back—has changed political history in this country. The American people have rejected the extreme agenda of the Republican revolution and are now looking to Democrats for commonsense answers to problems they confront in their daily lives. This remarkable turnaround is due, as the Shields column explains, "Thanks to House Democrats."

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THANKS TO HOUSE DEMOCRATS

(By Mark Shields)

Dick Morris, a self-admitted political genius, is obviously no fan of Blaise Pascal, the French philosopher-mathematician. It was Pascal who wrote more than three centuries ago: "The only shame is to have none." Dick Morris is clearly without shame.

Since resigning as President Clinton's most important campaign strategist after photographic evidence established his relationship with a \$200-an-hour prostitute, Morris, in uninterrupted exclusive interviews, has been publicly taking bows for Clinton's political rehabilitation. Now comes the book to tell how Morris single-handedly rescued Clinton from the political dust bin. What's next? The miniseries? The movie?

Before this offensive myth goes any further, let the facts be known. Bill Clinton owes his political comeback far more to congressional Democrats—from whom the Democratic president, at Morris's importuning, did his best to distance himself—than he does to his now-departed evil genius.

Let's look at the record. On May 3, 1995, Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.) first presented the indictment on the House floor that was eventually to frame the case against the Republican House majority and Speaker Newt Gingrich. "The Republicans have come to face the fact that they cannot give tax cuts to the wealthy, balance the budget and preserve Medicare, so now they are devising a plan by which they can make the cuts in Medicare to provide for the tax cuts for the wealthy."

Reinforcing Miller in the Democrats' accusation that the GOP's \$245 billion tax cuts could only be financed by the GOP-backed \$270 billion cuts in future Medicare spending